

MINUTES
PRE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PERRY CITY COUNCIL
January 19, 2021
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Randall Walker, Presiding Officer, called to order the pre council meeting held on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll:

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Randall Walker, Mayor Pro Tempore Robert Jones, and Council Members Riley Hunt, Willie King, Darryl Albritton, and Joy Peterson.

Elected Officials Absent: Council Member Phyllis Bynum-Grace.

City Staff: City Manager Lee Gilmour, City Attorney Brooke Newby, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, and Recording Clerk Joni Ary.

Departmental Staffing: Chief Lee Parker – Fire and Emergency Services Department, Chief Steve Lynn – Perry Police Department, Brenda King – Director of Administration, Mitchell Worthington – Director of Finance, Sedrick Swan – Director of Leisure Services, Ashley Hardin – Economic Development Administrator, Chad McMurrian – Engineering Services Manager, Annie Warren- City Clerk and Tabitha Clark –Communications Administrator.

Media: None.

3. Items of Review/Discussion: Mayor Randall Walker

3a. Discussion of January 19, 2021 council meeting agenda.

6a.(1). Second Reading of an ordinance for the rezoning of the property from C-3, Central Business District, to C-2, General Commercial District. The property is located at 1001 Third Street (formally 1211 Houston Lake Drive); Tax Map No. 0P0020 085000– Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised this is a request to rezoning classification with the Downtown Development overlay district and is appropriate for the subject property. Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the request.

6a. (2) Second Reading of a text amendment to modify districts in which self-service storage is allowed.– Mr. L. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour advised this is a text amendment to modify districts in which self-storage facilities are allowed. Mr. Gilmour stated that the amendment would remove use from the MUC district and allow self-service storages to continue in C-1, M-1, and IMU districts, and permit the use by right in the M-2 district. Mr. Gilmour and the Planning Commission recommends approval as submitted.

6a. (3) Second Reading of an ordinance amending Article 18A, Municipal Court, Section 18A-5 Failure to Appear – Ms. B. Newby. Ms. Newby stated that amendment would authorize the Judge of the municipal court to impose an appropriate fine for failure to appear in municipal court on cases where warrants are issued. The fine shall be set by the Judge.

6b. Authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at 1222 Main Street. Mr. Gilmour reviewed with Council the applicant's request to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at 1222 Main Street. Mr. Gilmour stated that the applicant is requesting a brown-bagging license. Ms. Newby clarified that if approved the applicant would obtain a Class C – Retail beer and wine by the drink and purchase a daily or annual permit for brown-bagging a the location.

8b. (1). Resolution accepting infrastructure for Summer Branch Subdivision. Ms. B Newby. Ms. Newby stated that the location has been reviewed and approved by the Community Development department. The City would be taking ownership, operation, and maintenance of water/sewer infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure, streets and rights of way of Kaylin Court, Taylor Leigh Court, and portions of Newport Avenue and Amberly Court.

8b. (2). Resolution accepting infrastructure for Commercial Point Subdivision. Ms. B Newby. Ms. Newby stated that the location has been reviewed and approved by the Community Development department. The City would be taking ownership, operation, and maintenance of water/sewer infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure, streets, and rights of way of Mataji Way.

8b. (3). Resolution to amend the City of Perry Fee Schedule. Mr. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour stated the amendment is to increase rental income for the Perry Arts Center due to the audio and visual upgrades and to change the name to Perry Events Center.

3b. Department of Leisure Services.

1. Consider proposal for RC Park. Mr. Swan reviewed with Council the proposed remote-control park. There are currently only three (3) RC tracks in Georgia. The RC park would be located at Rozar Park. The RC park would be installed in two phases. Phase one would be to build four of the tracks for the RC Park with an estimate of \$6,386.48. The tracks would be constructed of clay/dirt mix due to the cost of asphalt. Phase two would be the installation of timing systems and building a control room. The recommendation of the Administration is to proceed with phase one of the RC Park and after the park has been open do an assessment to see how much participation/interest there is in the RC park. Council concurred to proceed with phase one of the RC park to construct the RC tracks.

3c. Office of City Manager.

1. Ms. Gentry follow-up. Mr. McMurrian stated that he has met with Ms. Gentry with her request to be reimbursed for costs associated with the stormwater improvements. Mr. McMurrian stated the City can only replace/install plants that were in the City's easement prior to the construction beginning, The other items on Ms. Gentry's list are the contractor's responsibility and the property owner. Mr. McMurrian stated the contractor is working with Ms. Gentry on their items.
2. Propose Mr. Darryl Kitchens, Ms. Anya Turpin, and Ms. Jasmin Thomas to attend the 2021 Leadership Perry program. Mr. Gilmour stated the recommendation is to approve the new employees to attend the 2021 Leadership Perry program. Council concurred to proceed with the recommendation.

3d. Office of City Attorney.

1. Discuss capacity possibilities for above ground cemetery structures. Ms. Newby reviewed with Council the City's current policy relative to cemetery structures and how many caskets/urns can be buried in one burial space. The two cemeteries owned by the City are not subject to State regulations. Ms. Newby stated she has reached out to other municipalities to see what their policies are and will report back at Council's next meeting.

4. Council Member Items:

Mayor Pro Tempore Jones, and Council Members King, and Albritton had no reports.

Council Member Peterson stated that she visited and spoke with neighbors near the new business Lush Art going in at 1222 Main Street. None of the residents that Council Member Peterson spoke to had no issues with business coming in.

Council Member Peterson asked about the older community being able to walk in Rozar's Park gym due to the cold weather. Mr. Gilmour recommended Council wait until the next meeting in February to decide, when Council reevaluate the adjustments to City services due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

Council Member Hunt stated that the street light on his street blinks on/off. Mr. Gilmour stated he will look into it.

Mr. Gilmour, Ms. Newby, and Mr. Smtih had no reports.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council in the pre council meeting held on January 19, 2021, Council Member King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Jones seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.